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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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FAMILIES  
Art Unit: 1648  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 10, 2006 in connection with the above-identified patent application, please consider the following remarks. This response is being filed concurrently with a petition for a three-month extension of time.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

**REMARKS**

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.